

## CONNECTICUT AFL-CIO

56 Town Line Road, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Tel: 860-571-6191 Fax: 860-571-6190

Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO before the Labor and Public Employees Committee

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee,

I am Lori Pelletier and I serve as the Executive Secretary- Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO. I am here to testify on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women from every city and town in our great state as follows:

Proposed H.B. No. 5865 AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS AND GRATUITIES. (LAB)

We support this bill. It is hard enough when workers who depend on tips are allowed to be paid less than the minimum wage, now employers want to place a credit card tax on them as well. We appreciate this bill being raised and will work on it becoming law.

We appreciate the committee holding this public hearing.

Respectfully,

Lori J. Pelletier

**Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Connecticut AFL-CIO** 

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER**

Lori J. Pelletier

PRESIDENT Salvatore Luciano

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**Melodie M. Peters

GENERAL VICE PRESIDENT Thomas A. Wilkinson

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY David A. Roche

TRUSTEES
Mark A. Espinosa
Jeffrey H. Matchett
Jean M. Morningstar

EXECUTIVE BOARD John Altieri Richard Benham Karen Blanchard

Tammie Botelho

Beverley Brakeman Wayne Burgess Michael Calderon Peter Carozza, Jr. Peter Carroll Carol Censki Frank Cirillo Everett Corey Shellye Davis Kenneth DelaCruz Michael Dennehy Ronald Frost
Patrick Gaynor
Richard Golembiewski
Willam Henderson
Juan Hernandez
Keri Hoehne
Thursa Isaac
Clarke King
Charles LeConche
Laila Mandour
Bette Marafino

Richard McCombs Stephen McKeever Ronald McLellan Cralg Metz Anna Montalvo Tlana Ocasio Warren Pepicelli Michael Petosa Ronald Petronella Robert Proto Peter Reilly Michael Rosarlo Kathleen Santiago Patrena Smith Barbara Smyth Valerie Stewart James Wallace, Jr. Paul Wallace

PRESIDENT EMERITUS John W. Olsen